

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF YEALMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE YCA GREAT HALL AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY APRIL 11th 2011**

Present:	Cllr Yonge (Chair)	*	Cllr Craddock	@
	Cllr Baldry (Vice Chair)	*	Cllr Stone	*
	Cllr Ebbutt	*	Cllr Tucker	*
	Cllr Frampton	*	Cllr Barton	*
	Cllr Robbins	*	Cllr Thom	*
	* Denotes attendance		@ Denotes absence	

Also attending:	Members of the public	1
	County Councillor	1
	Police	1

Prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting, there was an 'open forum' session.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

10.103 APOLOGIES Cllr Craddock

10.104 POLICE MATTERS

PC Rob Batchelor reported for March and April (to date):

J1/11/128: Between 02/02/2011 and 23/02/2011 a sign was stolen from a property. Enquires are ongoing.

J1/11/183: On 18th March 2011 a non crime domestic incident occurred force dictates non disclosure of information.

J1/11/200: On 25th March 2011 a non crime domestic incident occurred force dictates non disclosure of information.

J1/11/209: Between 27th and 28th March a theft from motor vehicle occurred. Enquires ongoing.

J1/11/213: Between 27th and 28th March a theft from motor vehicle occurred. Enquires ongoing.

J1/11/214: Between 26th to 28th March a number of roadside drain covers have been stolen.

Enquires are ongoing

J1/11/220: Between 25th and 28th March a theft from motor vehicle occurred. Enquires ongoing.

J1/11/232: On 31st March 2011 a motor vehicle was damaged. Enquires are ongoing

J1/11/233: Between 31st March and 1st April 2011 a motorcycle was stolen. It is a black and orange motocross styled registration number is LX07FBN. Please contact the police if seen.

J1/11/246: On 4th Apr 2011 cable to a property was cut by an unknown person. Enquires ongoing

J1/11/256: On 10th April a non crime domestic incident occurred force dictates non disclosure of information.

Replies to queries from last meeting are below:

Q1. Speed guns. We discussed it at Council in Jan and felt that this should be "police led" in order to ensure that there would be credibility to the scheme and ultimately some speeding prosecutions achieved. Please can you advise if you know of these schemes and whether your team can emulate the successful applications of "community" involvement?

A1. Community speed watch is a scheme that has been used in Devon and Cornwall. The current status quo regarding community speed watch scheme is that there needs to be a minimum of 8

people who wish to become involved. They would need to become Police Volunteers. A village in Cornwall was the first “Speed watch” to go live. At the present time Police Policy regarding the Community Speed watch is being re written to take into account approved sights and risk assessment criteria as set out in Health and Safety Legislation.

At the present time due to the large restructuring of Devon and Cornwall Police no additional volunteers or staff are being recruited. Details of when recruiting would start would be advertised on the Devon and Cornwall Police website.

Also Community Speed watch would be led by the volunteers who collate the information and then pass on any vehicle details to the Police where we can find out the owners of the vehicles and send them letters regarding their driving. Community Speed watch at this time does not lead to prosecutions and would only result in warnings for the drivers.

Q2. Speeding through the village of Dunstone is again causing a lot of aggravation to residents (this is a 20 mph zone). Please can you get a trap set up to cover the time when parents are going to and coming from Holbeton school at ‘going home ‘time?

A2. Unfortunately we cannot complete speeding enforcement for prosecutions. We are continuing to work with DCC over the unique issues presented with 20mph speed limits. We are exploring methods to achieve greater levels of compliance, primarily through engineering opportunities. In exceptional cases the police will review options to undertake limited levels of enforcement which can be higher profile patrols, community messaging and use of appropriate vehicle message signs.

Q3. Speeding through “Tor narrows” and up and down Ford Road, Yealmpton is again causing a lot of aggravation to residents. Please can you get a trap set up to catch a few offenders? Maybe you could leave your yellow jackets in the car !!

A3. We also have received reports of speeding along Ford Road. Details of this have been sent to the traffic Department for their assistance as well. Our speed enforcement equipment has just returned from being repaired and serviced and we will look to carry out some speed enforcement within the near future.

Q4. Parking on the A379. There is a regular obstruction on the road and pavement outside “Wee House” opposite the Volunteer public house. There are 2 cars which regularly park partly on the pavement and partly on the road in the evenings. They are causing an obstruction to access to the steps to the path which leads down to Church Close and beyond. They are also obstructing the public seating area located on the pavement by the steps. Cars are also parked illegally on the north side of the road and these 2 vehicles create an unacceptable blockage. Please will you speak to the owners?

A4. The vehicles involved will be being moved very shortly. There are also vehicles that park on the yellow lines opposite the site of the old public conveniences, unfortunately the Police no longer deal with yellow line offences and any concern needs to be raised to South Hams District Council.

10.105 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

a) **County Councillor.** Cllr Mumford reported:

- DCC busy implementing tough budget plans
- There is a Viridor/ NEQ meeting on April 13th at Lee Mill.
- Waste Disposal charges. These are being levied at recycling centres for

Clerk

Ebbutt

- disposal of 'non domestic' waste i.e. building rubble, asbestos, plasterboard
- A379 pathway. Some costs have now come from Ros Mills. DCC will supply the bridge and the scheme appears affordable.
 - Confirmed that £1000 is payable towards planning costs. Clerk to apply.
 - At present there is no funding for new highway schemes. Please prepare and cost schemes and hold in readiness for a later date.
 - If you want a street party on April 29th, just get on with it !!
 - Grass cutting this year will be reduced but not to worsen road splay visibility

Clerk

b) District Councillor. Cllr Baldry reported:

- He will be attending the Viridor meeting in his Ward Member capacity.
- Concerned that grass cutting has not started. Clerk to pursue SHDC. YPC should consider employing own contractor if decent service not available.
- Buses: the No 93 Sunday service will start again in May

10.106 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Baldry expressed a personal interest in the planning application at 3 Hillside Way. He will leave the room for this discussion.

10.107 MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY PARISH MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Baldry and seconded by Cllr Robbins that the minutes of February 21st 2011 meeting be signed as a true record. Approved.

10.108 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

6.1 A379 pathway. It is hoped to hold the next meeting by the end of April. Some costings are now available. DCC to supply prefabricated bridge. "Keep out" signs will apply until the path is officially opened later in the year. Bird nesting season is delaying clearing activity.

6.2 Planning decision notices. The Clerk advised that SHDC is to cease sending out notices to parish councils. He has written to ask for email notification of the issue of the notices. Response awaited.

Clerk

6.3 New village sign. Cllr Yonge has met with Yealmpton Press representatives. It has been agreed to put the sign on a 3 metre pole in the bank in front of the Bakery Square car parking area. Council will accept the sign as a gift and they will insure and maintain as required. Planning permission to be sought and funded by YPC.

Stone

6.4 All Weather sports facility. Cllr Stone has spoken with the headmistress who is still keen to progress the options. Better facilities will be required when the Academy status is in place. The Academy will need 3 quotes for decision making. It was agreed to put this on hold for the new Council. Cllr Baldry expressed a wish that tennis be made available during the school summer holidays.

Clerk

6.5 License application consultation. The Clerk expressed concern that YPC were not being consulted about any license applications. The Clerk was asked to write to SHDC in this regard.

Clerk

6.6 Grass cutting in 2011. It was agreed that all SHDC and DCC grass in the village should be cut to the '16 cuts per year' standard. The Clerk was asked to confirm our needs to SHDC. The Parish will pay for DCC grass cuts above 6 per annum

6.7 Memory cafes. Cllr Thom explained the intent to coordinate the suggested 'cafe facilities' for dementia sufferers and their cares from Wembury, Brixton, N&N, Holbeton and

Thom	Yealmpton. Council expressed concern that the travel to a central location may prevent this activity occurring. The Carers Association in the village failed due to lack of leadership.
	<p>6.8 Housing update. Village consultation took place in late March. Planning application is to be made imminently. The site layout has been improved as a result of earlier consultation. There will be no one bedroom properties built as they, regrettably, are not considered as a priority over family homes.</p> <p>6.9 Yellow line parking enforcement. This is now the responsibility of the District Council. They employ six Enforcement Officers for the whole of the district.</p> <p>6.10 Chargeable waste disposal. See County Councillor's report above.</p> <p>6.11 Community Association. The Clerk read the letter from the YCA regarding the need for funding from the Parish Council. Serious concern was expressed that the YCA officers were planning to close the association. Council agreed <i>'that under no circumstances would YPC allow the closure of the YCA building facilities'</i>. The Clerk was asked to arrange an urgent meeting.</p>
Clerk	<p>10.109 <u>PLANNING MATTERS.</u> Cllr Baldry left the room for this agenda item.</p> <p>The following application was discussed: 0745/11. 3 Hillside Way. Conversion of flat roof to single pitch. It was agreed to hold a site meeting to review the application. The site visit was arranged for 9am on Monday 18th April at Hillside Way.</p> <p>Cllr Baldry returned to the meeting.</p> <p>10.110 <u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u></p> <p>a) Cllr Ebbutt proposed and Cllr Frampton seconded approval of the expenditure for March and April. Approved unanimously. b) The Clerk explained the government legislation that required the Clerk to be a council employee. It was agreed that SHDC would act as our payroll agent at a cost of £100 per annum. The Clerk was asked to review providing this service in house for next year.</p>
Clerk	<p>10.111 <u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p> <p><u>WORKS</u>- The Memorial is in need of cleaning and re pointing with lime based mortar. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for this work.</p> <p><u>FOOTPATHS</u> - a) FP20 along the river to Puslinch was discussed. Cllr Robbins is in discussions with Kitley Estate regarding the possibility of making this route accessible for wheel chairs and large prams. b) Cllr Tucker raised the question about creating a footpath from Dunstone Cross to Yealmbridge with road marking at the narrow stretch passed the Toll House. c) Cllr Yonge raised the question about road marking the path to the south of Westpark.</p> <p><u>HIGHWAYS</u> - Cllr Ebbutt advised that he had again been approached about making Torr Hill a one way street. Feasibility and costs to be pursued.</p> <p><u>ENVIRONMENT</u> – None</p> <p><u>YOUTH</u> - A letter has been received from the Guides. A new Guide pack is to be formed and assistance with funding is sought. The Clerk to write to ask for more information.</p> <p><u>HISTORY GROUP</u> – None.</p>
Clerk	<p>10.112 <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>None</p>

10.113 DATES

The next meeting will be the Parish Council AGM on May 9th 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Community Room at the Community Centre.

This will be the inaugural meeting of the new Council.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors for their hard work over the last four years.

A lot has been achieved in this term and their input has been much appreciated.

Happy 'retirement' also to Councillor Sylvia Frampton who has decided not to stand again at this time.

The meeting was closed at 9.52pm

Notes from the Open Forum at the start of the evening

Mr Alexander spoke about the lack of attendance at the Annual Meeting in March.

He asked if Council would consider returning to the old format of asking all Clubs and

Organisations from the village to make a short presentation of their activities for the last year.

Cllr Yonge stated that whilst this might increase attendance, it was generally only the speakers that attended and that they drifted away after their presentation. We really need to find a subject of major interest to draw the parishioners.